5 YEAR HOUSING SUPPLY

Preston City Council needs to allocate enough land to build **507** new homes every year for **5 years** but despite sufficient land being allocated in the Local Plan and despite the approval of numerous planning applications - developers have either, not started building or are building at a very slow rate and as a result, it has been assessed that **the City Council does not have a 5 year housing supply.**

This means that developers can submit planning applications for even more houses and although the shortfall applies across Preston, we are appalled that developers are concentrating their applications in **greenfield areas**.

Woodplumpton and several other Parish Councils have written to the Director of Planning expressing extreme concern that the approach is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework. The NPPF is clear that where the Local Plan is considered to be out of date,

- There should be a presumption in favour of **sustainable** development.
- Planning permission should be granted **unless the adverse impacts of doing so outweigh the benefits.**

Our arguments are that rural villages are **unsustainable** as they have **limited infrastructure** and are **lacking in services and amenities** and the 'benefit' of increasing the 5 year supply through the allocation of land in greenfield areas - **does not outweigh the loss of our rural villages**.

If the approach is allowed to continue, villages will lose their rural identity and we urge residents to send similar representations to the **Director of Planning, Preston City Council, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 2RL**

MORE HOUSING PLANS

Due to the lack of a 5yr supply, developers wish to bring forward another chunk of land for **1,100 homes** between Bartle Lane and the proposed new junction on the M55. Full details have not been submitted yet but concerns are likely to be expressed that due to the amount of building works, diversions and road closures associated with other developments in NW Preston, the application should be



phased with the road being built **prior** to the additional dwellings. **STOP PRESS** We have just been advised that LCC will shortly be consulting on a traffic calming scheme on **Hoyles Lane** which we will publish on our website www.woodplumptonparish.org

ROAD CLOSURES

The Parish Council is notified of **major** roadworks and we try to include these on our website, however we are not always notified of minor roadworks in relation to utility works to the new developments but you can check progress on these on the County Council website **www.mario.lancashire.gov.uk/roadworks/bulletin.aspx**

FIRE CONCERNS

The Fire Service should be consulted on new developments of more than 4 houses, however, due to the number of applications being processed, the Parish Council is concerned that vital checks such as the location of water hydrants and access for fire appliances are not being made. This has been raised with the City Council in relation to plans at Plumpton Field and we are waiting for their reply.

POLICE INCIDENTS

Police officers are often allocated to areas with the highest incidents of crime, which means officers are often less visible in the rural areas - however, recent surveys show that rural crime is on the increase, but incidents are not always reported.

Parish Councillors met with senior police officers to discuss the lack of urgency in dealing with incidents and problems with the 101 service and received reassurances that these concerns are being addressed. Efforts are also being made to increase the number of marked patrol cars in the area.

We urge all residents to persevere and report **any** local incidents as this will help to retain a local police presence. In addition to the 101 service, incidents can be reported on **01772 614444** or you can report them on-line at **www.reportitonline.lancashire.police.uk**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

During the warm weather the Parish Council received several complaints about an unpleasant odour in Woodplumpton Village. The Environment Agency was notified and they have asked that any further concerns are reported to them on **0800 807060** with the following information - date and time, duration of odour, description e.g slurry, weather and wind direction, possible sources of the odour and details of any known ongoing activity e.g. land spreading.

100 YEARS AFTER THE END OF WW1



As part of 'There but not There' campaign to commemorate the end of WW1, Tommies have been erected at Woodplumpton and Catforth war memorials. There will also be a free, informative talk 'From the Field to the Front Line' on **Fri 9th Nov** at **7.00pm** at Catforth Village Memorial Hall. Donations will be collected in aid of the Royal British Legion.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings alternate between **Catforth Primary School**, School Road, Catforth and **Woodplumpton Parish Rooms** at the rear of St Anne's Church. Meetings start at **7.00pm** and there is usually a **time limited** section for public participation. Matters requiring a Council decision must be included on the Agenda at least 4 days prior to the meeting. Further information is available from the Clerk and the current Agenda and previous Minutes can be downloaded from our website www.woodplumptonparish.org The next meeting will be held on **Monday 17th Sept 2018** at Woodplumpton Parish Rooms.

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17th September 2018 19th November 2018 18th February 2019 15th April 2019 CATFORTH

15th October 2018 21st January 2019 18th March 2019

20th May 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting)

WOODPLUMPTON AND CATFORTH SUMMER FETE

The Parish Council continues to support this **free** community event to be held on **Woodplumpton Playing Fields** on **Saturday 1st September** from 11.00 until 17.00.

Attractions include Tug of War, Birds of Prey, Worm Charming, Face Painting, 50+ Craft Stalls, Archery, Rally Car Display, Stone the Crows, Morris Dancers, Jazz Band, refreshments and much, more for a fun filled family day out!

Entertainment continues at 20.00 in The Wheatsheaf Public House with a LIVE performance from The Retro City Orchestra, **free** Pie & Peas and Fireworks on the field at 9pm. Bring the children as there will be Marshmallow Toasting around the Campfire with your local Scouts!



If you wish to run stall or volunteer on the day, please contact Matthew Greaves on 07727 989236

